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For: THREAD CARRYING APPARATUS AND A TEXTILE MACHINE, IN PARTICULAR A WEAVING MACHINE, INCLUDING A THREAD CARRYING APPARATUS OF THIS KIND

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